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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday morning assembly we heard Jesus tell his disciples about the second coming and the signs that will precede this.

I read Aesop's fable about the ant and the grasshopper and we talked about how the ant prepared for winter but the grasshopper did not.

I asked the children to think about how they would prepare to meet Jesus when he comes again. How would he want to find us?

We agreed that Jesus would want to find us following his word as best we can by loving others and being selfless.

This week I asked the children to approach every day with the thought that Jesus may return. What will he find when he does? Are we ready like the ant in Aesop's fable?

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty

Attendance

Attendance this week is at 94.8%. Up 0.2% from last week.

Year 2 and 4 are this weeks top classes with 99.3% attendance. Well done Year 3 and 4 That is INCREDIBLE!





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Care of creation litter pick.

Thank you to all of the children, parents and carers who came along on our first Care of Creation litter pick. Care of Creation is one of the 6 pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. The Catholic Church calls upon us to preserve the dignity of all human beings, to care for creation, and to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need.

What a lovely way to put our faith into action. Thank you especially to Mrs Carter and her Mini Vinnies for organising and to Mr Riddington (one of our parents) and the London Borough of Hillingdon for providing our equipment. Can I give a special mention to Amira Kate in Year 6 who produced a lovely information leaflet on recyclable and non recyclable rubbish.





FSCS News

22nd November 2024

Clothes Donations— **Monday 25 November** *The Little Recyclers*



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

25 NOVEMBER
MONDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DONT ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

hello@thelittlerecyclers.co.uk • 07476 406699 • thelittlerecyclers.co.uk

Have a clear out before Christmas to make way for the incoming avalanche of items from the festive season, whilst also helping raise money for the School.

Coming up...

Monday 25 November
The Little Recyclers

Friday 29 November
Chocolate Donation Day

Bring in a chocolate donation and wear your own clothes.

Thursday 5 December
Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Friday 6 December
Bottle Donation Day

Bring in a bottle donation and wear your own clothes.

Christmas Fayre

Monday 16 December
Gift Day

Letters went out earlier this week and forms should be returned to the School Office up until Wednesday 4 December. Payments can be made in cash, with the forms or via ParentPay.



We need volunteers for this event on the day, from 8.30 am to approximately 11 am. Volunteers will help the children 'shop' for their chosen recipients and then wrap their gifts ready to take home. Please speak to your WhatsApp group class rep or find a committee member on the playground if you can help.



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CHRISTMAS @ St Catherine's

The festive season is upon us, what better way to kick off than our:

FSCS Christmas Fayre *Friday 6 December 2024*

Make sure to join us for our biggest event of the season, the Christmas Fayre.

We are in need of volunteers for the event:

-  Setting up and clearing away on the day
-  Running a stall during the event
-  Bake a donation for our fantastic cake stall, but if you're not a budding baker, shop bought treats would be welcome too! These should be dropped off on Friday morning
-  Join us for the coffee morning on Thursday 5 December, where we will make a start on prepping for the fayre over a mug of warm tea and some biscuits!

Please speak to your WhatsApp group class rep or find a committee member on the playground if you can help.



Supervision of children before school

Dear parents and carers,

Can I please remind you that school starts at 8.30am.

Before this time ALL children should be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

From Monday the main school gates will only be opened at 8.15am. If you arrive before this time you will have to wait outside.

Children attending breakfast club will need to use the playground gate outside the office, which is open from 7.45am.

Many thanks for your co operation

Mr Doherty



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Walk to School November

Remember to try to travel to school actively by bike, foot or scooter or by parking and striding so you can be awarded your badge for November. Remember you must travel actively at least once a week in order to achieve your badge.

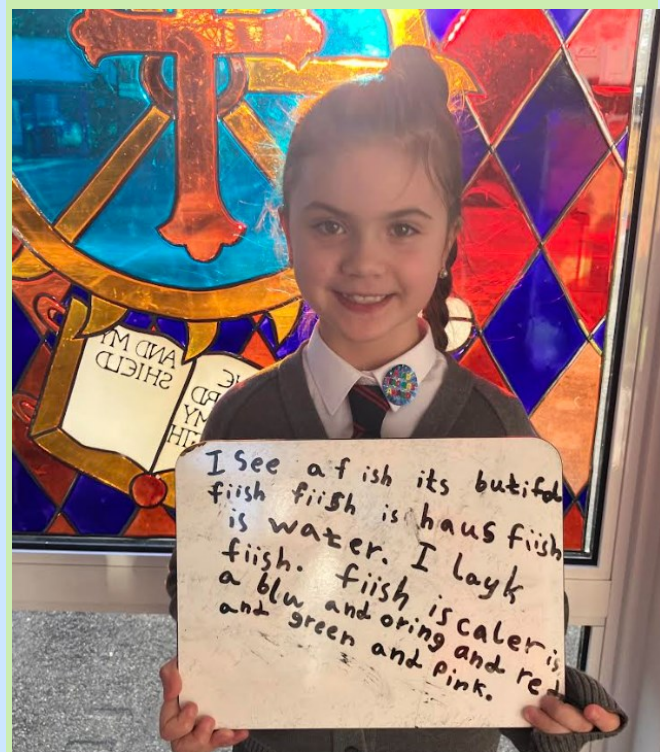


Amazon wishlist

Thank you to all of our parents who have purchased items from our Amazon Wishlist. It is really appreciated and so very generous of you all.

Sofiia the superstar!

A very special well done to Sofiia in Year 2, who was sent to see me with her incredible writing. Sofiia joined us at the end of September, having moved from the Ukraine and with little English. Isn't it incredible to see how much progress she has made in such a short space of time? Well done to Sofiia and the Year 2 team for all of their hard work. Truly outstanding.



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Znicze

Thank you to all of the children who have returned their paper candles for our remembrance display.

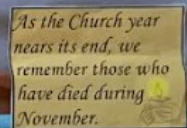
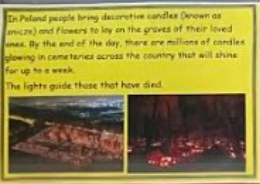
This year the theme is a Polish tradition called znicze.



People bring decorative votive candles (known in Polish as znicze) and flowers such as chrysanthemums (of all colours) to lay on the graves of their loved ones. By the end of the day, there are millions of candles glowing in cemeteries across the country that will shine for up to a week and are used to guide the souls of our departed loved ones. Thank you to Mrs Wassef for the idea and for making our beautiful display with Miss McCann.

If you still haven't returned your candle please do so as soon as possible. Teachers can give out spares if you have lost yours or would like more. We will continue to pray, in school, for your loved ones during November.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER



ST CATHERINE'S AMAZON WISH LIST



Dear parents and carers,

The school has opened an Amazon Wish list account to enable us to provide even more for our children in school. Please see link at bottom of page. There is also a link on the 'Quick Links' section on the homepage of the school website.

If you, or friends or family, are able to contribute please do so.

Once again your support is greatly appreciated.

Mr Doherty

<https://amzn.eu/12fuUtV>



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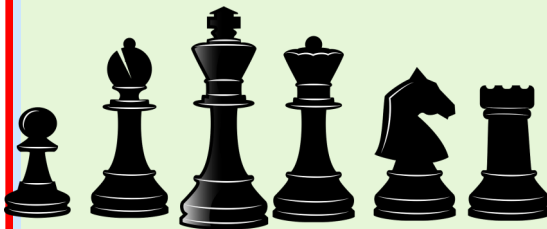
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Chess player of the week

Well done to David H, who was awarded chess player of the week for a fabulous win in Monday chess club.

Zuzanna was Tuesday's chess player of the week for great play and and for being super helpful tidying up!



St Catherine Feast Day Mass

Please join us for Mass in Church on St Catherine's Feast Day (Monday 25th November) at 9.30am.



Poppy appeal

Please remember that we are selling poppies and other items to raise money for the Royal British Legion during November. Thank you to the Year 6 pupils for helping out.



Have you lost a watch?

This watch was found in our EYFS area. If it's yours please claim from the office.





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Playground noticeboard



Keep up to date with the school's latest news and information by checking our new noticeboard on the main playground.

Chocolate donation/ non uniform day

A reminder that this Friday is chocolate donation day for the FSCS Christmas Fayre. The children can wear their own clothes on Friday in exchange for a chocolate.



Super speller



Well done to Saffron, in Year 3, who achieved 10/10 on her weekly spelling test this week. Well done you!



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Swimming sensation!



Well done Gracie-Mae for achieving her Better Swim School Red Award this week. Gracie had to swim 3 metres on her front and back! Congratulations Gracie!

BE-ACTIVE Christmas and New Years camp

I am delighted to inform you that Be Active will be in school during the Christmas holidays. All children entitled to means tested free school meals can attend for free. You have hopefully received an email from the office via ParentPay. Please see the flyer on the following pages for more information and dates.

Football news St Catherine 0 v Heathrow 3

On Wednesday we suffered defeat against table toppers Heathrow. The first half was very competitive and we found ourselves 1-0 down having conceded a penalty. We continued to have plenty of the ball and chances in the second half but conceded two late goals as we pressed for an equaliser. Once again Mr Casse and I came away feeling very proud despite the defeat. We really tested yet another very strong team. Emmie was player of the match for a dynamic performance up front and later in midfield. Keep going boys and girls. It will click!

Next week we play St Bernadettes away in the 1st round of the cup. Good luck team.

Team: David D, Theo, Sovereign, Roco, Riley (c), Lukas, Louie, Jace, Emmie (PoM)



FREE PLACES AVAILABLE
FOR BENEFIT RELATED FSM CHILDREN

EARLY BIRD PRICE
BOOK NOW BEFORE FRIDAY 13th December
TO AVOID PAYING £25 PER DAY



BEACTIVE

NEW YEARS CAMP

SPECIALIST MULTI- SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP

USE CODE SIB10 AT CHECKOUT FOR 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT



For Children aged 4-12 years

Monday 23rd December- Friday 3rd January

PLEASE SEE DATES ON THE BACK OF THE FLYER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

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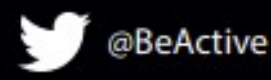
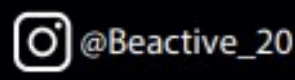
**DAILY COSTS
STANDARD DAY**
9.00-3pm- £20

**ADDITIONAL DAILY COSTS*
LATE PICK UP**
3.00-3.30pm- £5
* Late pickup not available at St Catherine's



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Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk | www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online





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15th November 2024

Crafty Kids

Mrs K (one of our amazing team of teaching staff) is now running an arts and crafts club on Saturdays in the Southlands Art Centre.

Please see attached flyer and support Mrs K with her new venture.

Crafty Kids



SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER AT
SOUTHLANDS ART CENTRE
75 THE GREEN, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 7PW



BOOK A SESSION AT
CRAFTYKIDSCREATIVECLUB@GMAIL.COM



"Crafty Kids" is an inspiring initiative aimed at nurturing creativity and problem-solving skills in children through arts and crafts. This program encourages kids to explore their imaginations, develop fine motor skills, and gain confidence in their abilities by working on a variety of hands-on projects. From painting and drawing to sculpting and crafting with recycled materials, "Crafty Kids" provides a fun and engaging environment where children can express themselves freely and learn the value of artistic expression. By fostering a love for creativity from an early age, "Crafty Kids" not only enriches the lives of young participants but also lays the foundation for innovative thinking and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 11-12 PM - £2
EVERY SATURDAY 11-12PM £10
9 WEEKS TERM £70
AT SOUTHLANDS ART CENTRE
75 THE GREEN, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 7PW

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A SESSION
CONTACT: EWA KOWALSKA
CRAFTYKIDSCREATIVECLUB@GMAIL.COM



-  FOOTBALL
-  BASKETBALL
-  DODGEBALL
-  CRICKET
-  ARTS AND CRAFTS
-  TAG RUGBY
-  HOCKEY
-  ATHLETICS

Be Active Sports and Clubs provides children and Young people the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities throughout the day, leaving them wanting to come back for more.



HAF WINTER 2024

**Free funded spaces available for benefit related free school meal children, including a hot meal!
REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!**



1- To book your child's FREE place visit our website www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online

2- Select either Hillingdon HAF Programme or Harrow HAF Programme depending on what venue you are choosing to book

3- Select the venue you would like your child to attend

4- Click 'Book Now' (you will need your unique 6 character HAF reference code in order to complete the booking form- **HILLINGDON HAF ONLY**)

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding the HAF programme please contact us via email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or call 07715847132

LOCATIONS

Harrow

Roxbourne Primary
Torbay Rd
Harrow
HA2 9QF

Monday 30th December
Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January

Hillingdon

St Catherine Primary School
Money Lane,
UB7 7NX

Monday 23rd December
Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January



HOW TO BOOK

Visit our website
<https://www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online>

Select the venue you would like your child to attend

Select the chosen dates that suit you

Confirm your selection and pay via our secure online system

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding our holiday provision please contact us at:

Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or Call: 07715 847 132



Scan with your smart phone

Our prayer for November is the . During November the Catholic Church remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

Please make this a prayer that you say with your children at home during November. They should try to remember it by heart.



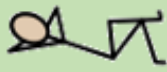
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Amen



WOW Walk to school challenge

We are excited to take part in this year's **WOW walk to school challenge** which is an initiative from Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier.
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn.
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.



Your children will self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or park and stride) **at least once a week for a month**, they will be rewarded with a badge.

Park and Stride – If driving, park and stride can help your child earn their WOW badges. **Park at least 10 minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.** If using public transport, hop off at least 10 minutes away and walk. Use the map below to see suggestions for areas to park and stride. Parking in the blue zone, where permitted, and walking the rest of the way will count as park and stride.

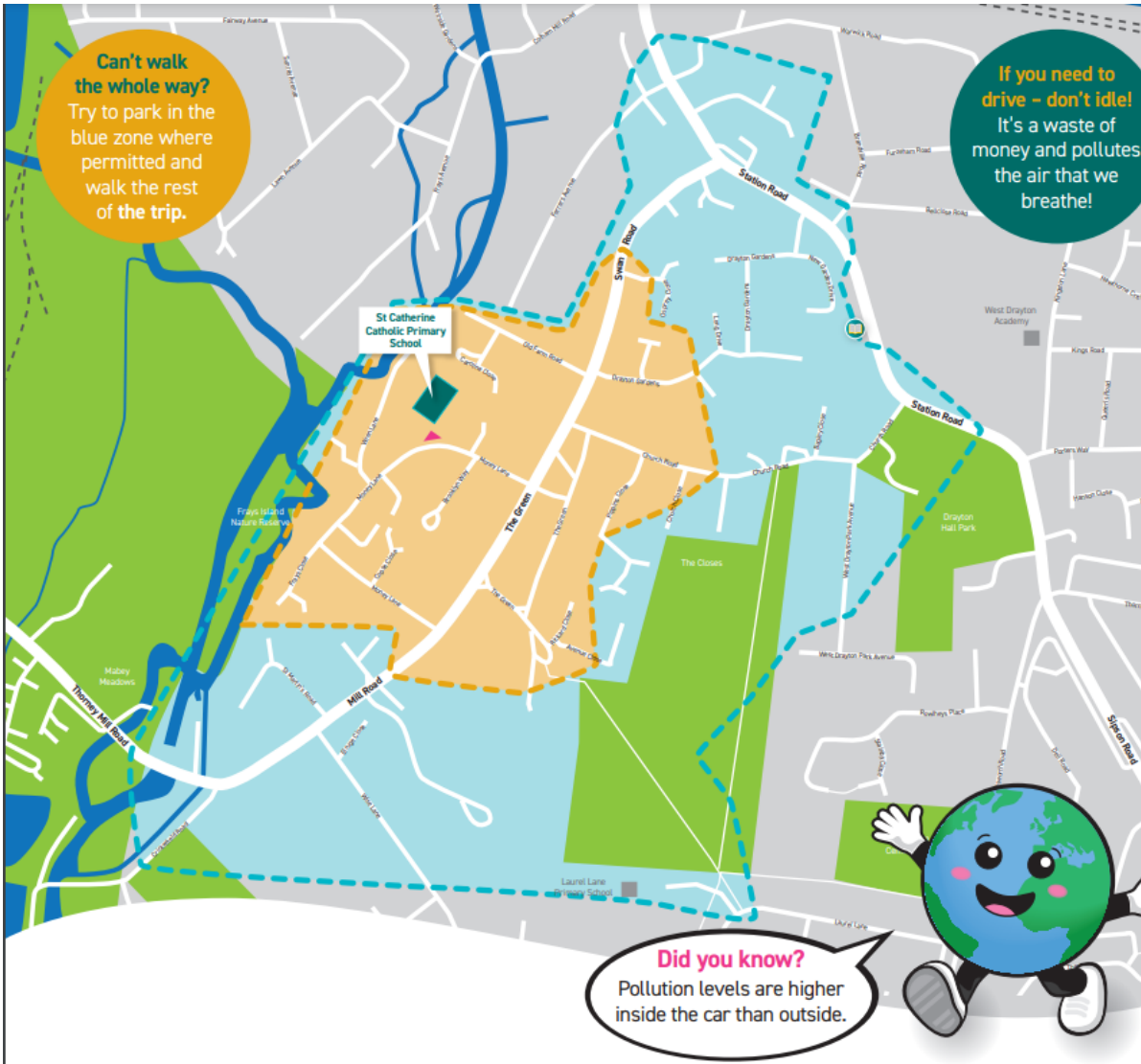
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk with Imagination, with a selection of badges ranging from a Bird's Eye View to Road Surfing up for grabs. The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts.

To launch this, next week we will hold a **walk to school week** where you can earn your first badge by walking to school at least once. From the following week you will need to **walk at least once a week during each month**.

Find out more about the challenge here: <https://youtu.be/op0zWJw1Hs0>

We look forward to hearing all about your travels. Happy Walking.





Can't walk the whole way?
Try to park in the blue zone where permitted and walk the rest of the trip.

If you need to drive - don't idle!
It's a waste of money and pollutes the air that we breathe!

Did you know?
Pollution levels are higher inside the car than outside.

skip your ride, take a stride

ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WALK ZONE MAP

Let's make walking part of your daily routine!

- Key:**
- 5 minute walking zone
 - 10 minute walking zone
 - Bus stop
 - Zebra crossing
 - Pedestrian crossing
 - School entrance
 - Library



EXPLANATION OF TRAVEL MODES ON THE WOW TRAVEL TRACKER



Cycle: Select this icon if you have cycled all the way to school. 'Cycle' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.

Other: This icon counts as an active travel trip and will contribute towards earning a badge. Choose this for any active journey that does not fit into the other categories.



Walk/Wheel: Select this icon if you have walked or wheeled all the way to school. We support disabled pupils and those with special educational needs to enjoy walking. This icon includes pupils walking with the use of mobility aids, including wheelchairs or wheeled walkers. 'Walk/ Wheel' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.



Park and Stride: Park and Stride is a great way for pupils who live too far away from school to still earn a badge. Simply park the car at least 10 minutes away from school and complete the journey by foot, wheelchair, bike or scooter (any active mode of travel used to complete the journey counts!). 'Park and Stride' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.



Bus: Select this icon if you took the bus (including school bus) or used public transport to get to school. 'Bus' does not count as an active journey, so it will not contribute towards earning a badge. If you choose to use public transport but still want to earn a badge, you can hop off at least 10 minutes from school and walk the rest of the way. If you choose to do so, instead of 'Bus' select 'Other'.



Scooter/Skate: Select this icon if you came all the way to school by scooter, skateboard, etc. 'Scooter/Skate' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.

Driven: Select this icon if you drove all the way to school. 'Driven' does not count as an active journey so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.



Absent: Select this icon for any pupils who are absent (for every day of their absence). It is important absences are recorded correctly to give pupils a fair chance to earn a badge.

Delete: If you accidentally select the wrong travel mode, use the delete icon to clear it and start again.



Taxi: Select this icon if you travel by taxi the whole way to school. 'Taxi' does not count as an active journey so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.





St Catherine Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*Our next community Stay and Play morning
for Nursery and Reception aged children
and siblings will be held on:*



Saturday 15th March

10am until 12 noon

This event is open to children children
currently attending our school and children in
the local community. If you have a questions
please contact our office:

office@stcatherine.co.uk

telephone: 01895442839

Important future diary dates

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Monday 25th November: Little Recycler's day

Monday 25th November: St Catherine's Feast Day Mass in church at 9.30am

Friday 29th Nov: Chocolate donation day and non uniform day

Thurs 5th December: KS1 Advent service at 6pm in school hall

Fri 6th December: Bottle donation day and non uniform day

Fri 6th December: Christmas Fayre (after school) in Parish Hall

Mon 9th Dec: Panto (Goldilocks) in school for Nursery, Reception, Yrs 1 and 2

Tuesday 10th December: End of term Christmas Mass in Church at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th December: Nursery Christmas Production for parents at 10.30am

Tuesday 10th December: KS2 carol concert at 6pm on school playground

Wednesday 11th December: Reception Nativity performance at 9.15am

Thursday 12th December: Reception Nativity performance at 2pm

Monday 16th December: FSCS Gift Day

Tuesday 17th December: Years 3-6 pantomime at Lyric theatre Hammersmith (Aladdin)

Wednesday 18th: School Christmas dinner day

Thursday 19th December—Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm

